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talks about how it's going to protect the consumers. If he is so interested in protecting the consumers, and it does that much like he says, why has he been against all the consumer legislation generally speaking that has come through the Miscellaneous Committee that has come through the Legislature. Gentlemen, look at the people who are voting for the Murphy amendment, the list within your Journal. Find out, think of those people traditionally that have helped consumers within this legislative body, and see which side they're on. Then you're going to find out that this, my amendment, is going to help the consumer and Senator Murphy's amendment is not going to. There's absolutely no question about it. I'd like to say that this Mr. Piester who was supposed to get all the credit for drafting the bill, when we made the original draft, Mr. Piester was in the Army, Senator Murphy, and all he's helped is on the refinement. On the original draft, he was still within the armed services and was not that much involved in the original draft. This is primarily my work product and it came out of the Council of State Governments in comparison to a draft they've made up from what other states have. This is going to be so bad for the retailers, my amendment, ask me why it's in effect in forty some other states and they've had little problems with it. And they're taking care of some consumer problems in those states. Ask me why if it's so effective in the State of Iowa. Why do they have it? Why does Nebraska have to be so afraid of it. I say the reason those people in Omaha are afraid of it is because they're engaging in some other practices that my act would prohibit and they don't want to end those bad practices. And we here in the Legislature are going to say and give certain merchants the right to engage in deceptive and unfair practices, then, I think the public have a right to know that. I hope they're watching us close. Let's remember, gentlemen, we need to get our government to protect the majority of the citizens within this state and everywhere and actually show the people that our government is going to represent everyone and not a few favored businessmen who happen to belong to the Omaha Retail Merchants Association.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is going to rule that what, the motion has been made to cease debate, that shall not be any questions. The only way would be to overrule the Chair and this is a policy that I have followed while I've been in the Chair. Those in favor of the motion of the amendment and it's going to take 25 votes, vote.....Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: If this be the case and having been addressed personally and challenged falsely as to my method of voting particularly with respect to consumer bills which I consider LB212 to have been one and which I voted for. Then I asked the opportunity to overrule the Chair in this matter and ask Senator Waldron a question.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The motion has been made to overrule the Chair....which will permit questions. There's been four lights up here on the board to ask questions. Those in favor of overruling the Chair, vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The motion failed. Those in favor of the amendment, vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting no.

CLERK: Senator Whitney voting no.

PRESIDENT: You're voting on the original Waldron amendment. Takes 25 votes. Have you all voted?